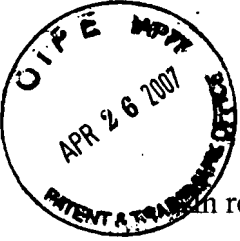


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MAKOTO TOMITA

Application No.: 09/986,254

Filed: November 8, 2001

For: PRINT DATA PROCESSING  
APPARATUS, PRINT  
CONTROL METHOD, AND  
PRINT CONTROL PROGRAM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application for which a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the final Office Action dated January 22, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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